

Pathway to become a certified international classifier

1. Pre-requisites to become a classifier.
 - a. World Para Dance Sport Classification Rules and Regulations 4.3.4.

4.3 World Para Dance Sport must specify and publish Classifier Competencies in a manner that is transparent and accessible. The Classifier Competencies must include that a Classifier has:

4.3.4 a professional qualification(s), level of experience, skills and/or competencies in order to act as a Classifier for World Para Dance Sport. These include that Classifiers must either:

 - a) be a certified health professional in a field relevant to the Eligible Impairment category which World Para Dance Sport at its sole discretion deems acceptable, such as a physician or physiotherapist for Athletes with a Physical Impairment; or
 - b) have an extensive coaching or relevant background in World Para Dance Sport or a recognized and a reputable academic qualification which encompasses a requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical and sport specific expertise, which World Para Dance Sport at its sole discretion deems to be acceptable
 - b. Providing certificates and other papers which prove the qualifications.
2. Complete [IPC Introduction to Para Sport online course](#), which consists of the following two modules: (a) Introduction to the Paralympic Movement, (b) Classification in the Paralympic Movement. Being able to present the certificates of these modules.
3. Attending and successfully completing the World Para Dance Sport classifier training course and achieve the certificate to become a Trainee Classifier.
 - a. Passing theoretical and practical examinations.
 - b. Getting permission from the trainer/Head of Classification to do physical and/or technical assessments after showing sufficient knowledge and the right attitude towards classification. Technical Classifiers do not perform physical assessment on athletes.
 - c. The qualification of a Trainee Classifier is valid for two years, and re-certification is needed to maintain the status.
4. Attending and being involved as a trainee in several athlete evaluation sessions under supervision of a Level-2 International Classifier.
 - a. At least two international classifications in two years.
 - b. National classification experience with or without the supervision of a Level-2 International Classifier can be an advantage in the next step, but is not mandatory.

5. Applying for recognition as a Level-1 International Classifier
 - a. Present a portfolio to the Head of Classification with all certificates, reports of athlete evaluation sessions and other relevant experiences.
 - b. Failure to become a Level-1 International Classifier in two years will need re-certification to maintain the status of Trainee Classifier.

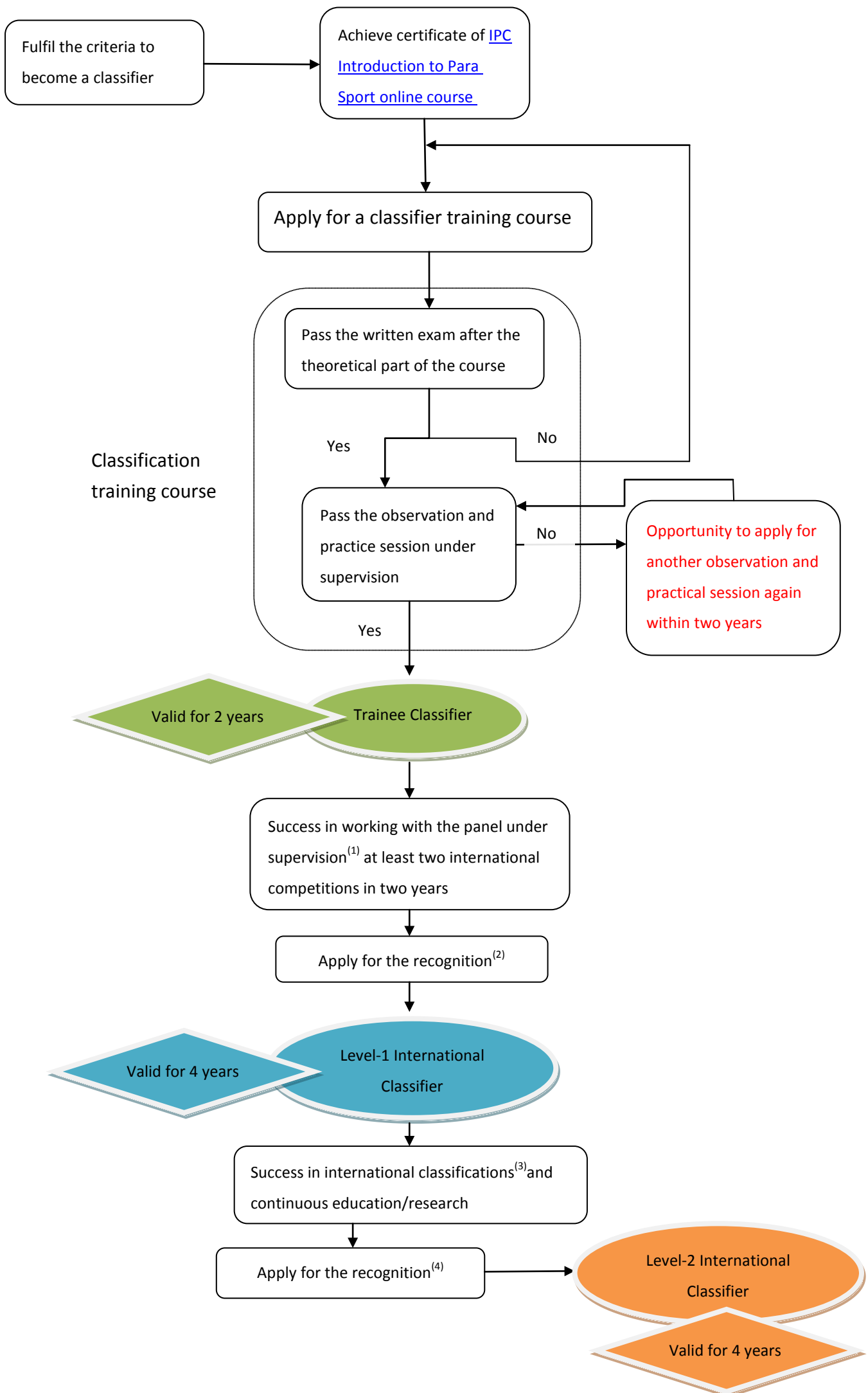
6. Recognition by WPDS as a Level-1 International Classifier.
 - a. The qualification of a Level-1 International Classifier is valid for four years.
 - b. Failure to maintain the status by re-certification will result in degrading to Trainee Classifier.

7. Acting as an International Classifier during several athlete evaluation sessions in international competitions together with at least one Level-2 International Classifier.

8. Applying for certification as a Level-2 (international) classifier.
 - a. Present a portfolio to the Head of Classification with all certificates and reports of athlete evaluation sessions and other relevant experiences as a Level-1 International Classifier.
 - b. The participation in international and/or national classifications, and the interest in classification education/research will be considered.

9. Certification by WPDS as a Level-2 International Classifier.
 - a. The qualification of a Level-2 International Classifier is valid for four years.
 - b. Failure to maintain the status by re-certification will result in degrading to Level-1 International Classifier.

10. Experience as a chief classifier, involvement in international classification of competitions, and the contribution in education/research will be considered in the maintenance of the status of Level-2 International Classifiers.



Note:

- (1) Classifications must be under the supervision of at least one Level-2 International Classifier in each international classification
- (2) Reports of international classifications, and/or of national classifications, must be attached with the application.
- (3) Classifications must be under the supervision of at least one Level-2 International Classifier in each international classification
- (4) Participation in international and/or national classifications and the interest in classification education/research will be taken into consideration.
- (5) Recertification is needed to maintain the level for international classifiers every 4 years and for the level of trainee classifiers every 2 years. Failure to be re-certified will result in degrading. Trainee Classifiers will need to start over in case of degrading.
- (6) Experience of being a chief classifier, reports of international classification of competitions, and the contribution in education/research will be considered in the maintenance of the status of Level-2 International Classifiers.